

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Friedrich Boecking

Based on PCT/DE 00/02814

For: Injection Nozzle For Internal Combustion Engines, Which Has An Annular
Groove In The Nozzle Needle

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, between the title and first line of the specification, insert the following:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a 35 USC application of PCT/DE 00/02814 filed on
August 18, 2000.

Background of the Invention--;

line 3, delete "Prior Art" and insert --Field of the Invention--;

between lines 6 and 7, insert --Description Of The Prior Art--;

between lines 12 and 13, insert --Objects And Advantages Of The
Invention--.